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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: MAY 22 PLENARY SESSION

1. AT THE MAY 22 PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS,
THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY THE GDR REP (OESER).

2. THE GDR STATEMENT STRESSED NEED FOR INCLUSION OF AIR
FORCES IN REDUCTIONS. IN ADDITION, IT MADE FOLLOWING MAIN
POINTS: (A) POLITICAL DETENTE SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY
AGREEMENT ON MEASURES OF MILITARY DETENTE; (B) THE AGREED
PRINCIPLES OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY, MUTUALITY AND NO
UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE MUST BE ADHERED TO; (C) ANY EQUITABLE
REDUCTION AGREEMENT MUST PROVIDE FOR REDUCTIONS BY ALL
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DIRECT PARTICIPANTS ON BASIS OF MUTUALITY, FOR REDUCTION OF

GROUND AND AIR FORCES, INCLUDING UNITS EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL, ARMAMENTS AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT. THE NEED FOR REDUCTIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS PARTICULARLY STRESSED.

3. IN LENGTHY SECTION DEVOTED TO AIR FORCES, THE STATEMENT STRESSED THAT: (A) MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF AIR FORCES MADE THEIR INCLUSION IN REDUCTIONS IMPERATIVE; (B) THE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE PLANNED BY THE US, UK AND FRG FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE MOST MODERN COMBAT AIR-CRAFT AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT UNDERLINED MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF AIR FORCES; AND (C) REDUCTIONS COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIAL WITHOUT INCLUSION OF AIR FORCES.

4. THE TEXT OF THE MAY 22 GDR PLENARY STATEMENT WAS TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.RESOR

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